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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, OAS, DR, CU

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT BALAGUER AND CUBA

DURING CONVERSATION THIS MORNING, PRESIDENT BALAGUER INQUIRED WHETHER THE USG STILL SUPPORTED A RESOLUTION ON CUBA PROVIDING "LIBERTY" FOR EACH OAS NATION TO PURSUE ITS OWN INTERESTS WITH RESPECT TO CUBA. WHEN I REPLIED AFFIRMATIVELY, BALAGUER SAID THAT SUCH WAS GODR POLICY AS WELL. BALAGUER CONTINUED THAT SOME NATIONS HAD REQUESTED THAT THE DOM REP CO-SPONSOR A RESOLUTION TO THAT EFFECT, BUT HE VETOED THE IDEA. HE SAID THAT THE GODR WOULD VOTE FOR SUCH A RESOLUTION BUT NOT CO-SPONSOR BECAUSE CO-SPONSORSHIP CARRIED WITH IT THE IMPLICATIONS OF TAKING INITIATIVE TOWARD CUBA AND OF AN INTENT TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH CUBA. BALAGUER CONTINUED THAT HE DID NOT INTEND TO REESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH CUBA, IRRESPECTIVE OF OAS ACTION, SINCE HE DID NOT WANT A CUBAN EMBASSY IN THE DOM REP, FOR IN HIS VIEW THE PRESENCE OF A CUBAN EMBASSY WOULD BE THE SOURCE OF SUPPORT FOR RADICAL LEFT AGITATION. LARGE AND POWERFUL COUNTRIES COULD ABSORB SUCH DEVELOPMENTS; IT WAS TOO RISKY FOR SMALL ONES, HE CONCLUDED.

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